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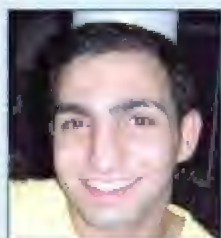
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IN THEIR SHOES

*A weekly walk in
another's life experience*



Saudi shares story of discovery

Amber Pickert
Pacer Writer

It was a bright and sunny day in Saudi Arabia. A young man held a ticket in his hand for a flight to an unfamiliar place while saying goodbye to his crying family. It would be a new beginning in his life.

Nervous, but brave, he decided to leave his country to further his education on the other side of the world in Martin, Tenn.

Fahad Alanazi, a 23-year-old UTM Information Systems and Finance major from Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, arrived and started college at UTM in 2006.

"I came here with zero friends and not knowing any English. I didn't have any transportation. I was trying to wave down a taxi on University Street and people laughed at me," Alanazi said.

Alanazi recalls his first year at UTM being the most difficult and a personal struggle. He contemplated going home on different occasions because of his failure to communicate, although he said his lack of communication ability did force him to study harder and gave him a stronger initiative to learn the English language. He started picking it up in five months.

"It was very difficult. Imagine going to another country and not being able to say anything. I went to McDonalds and

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Yeah ... it's back



(Pacer Photos/Sherril Glenn)

Flu season returns but with less vengeance

Trevor Smith
Life Editor

No flu season in recent memory has been as harrowing or headline-grabbing as last year's, when the H1N1 virus (... swine flu) accounted for 18,000 of all the influenza-related deaths in the world, according to the World Health Organization (WHO).

If it's up to the WHO and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

(CDC), this year's flu season will be far less severe and the H1N1 virus will be kept in greater check this time around.

This year's vaccine, which protects against the three strands of flu expected to circulate in the coming months, is already arriving at doctors' offices and other clinics.

Flu season has already started this year, as cases have been reported to the CDC, even though the season

technically doesn't begin until October. It will continue until it finally winds down in May, with its peak coming in January, February and March.

For the first time, the CDC is recommending that anyone 6 months and older should be vaccinated for the upcoming flu season. Children from 6 months to 9 years, however, need two doses if they've never been vaccinated against the flu, or if they received only one dose of the H1N1 vaccine last year.

Vaccination is particularly important for high-risk groups, including children, those 65 and older, pregnant women and anyone with an underlying condition that can weaken the immune system. The CDC also recommends that because children younger than 6 months cannot be vaccinated, their caregivers and entire family should receive the shot. Anyone who is allergic to chicken eggs,

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Professor farming fish on campus



(Pacer Photos/Danny Warren)

Danny Warren
Editorial Asst.

Fish is in high demand in America as healthy living is becoming more popular and people are becoming more conscious of what is good and bad for them.

Fish is the best protein source in the world and the demand for fish continues to rise.

Dr. Bradley Ray, assistant professor of Fisheries, along with his Principles of Aquaculture class, is growing Tilapia on campus.

Tilapia are freshwater fish and can be grown easily indoors as long as the water quality is monitored and the fish are properly taken care of. However, the Tennessee winter will not allow them to grow outdoors for the whole year.

"This project is funded by

stimulus money allocated to our department," Ray said. "The world's fisheries are being overfished so aquaculture plays an important role in supplying the growing demand for fish."

The growing facility, located on the UTM farm, consists of 12 tanks. Each tank holds 500 gallons of water. The filtration system in each tank allows the fish to live close to one another while still maintaining a fairly clean

environment. The facilities on campus are capable of growing 12,000 Tilapia.

"Right now the food that we are feeding the fish is the same as what someone would feed catfish, and it works well, but we would like to find a way to create a fish food from the soybeans grown on campus," Ray said.

Ray is only growing 1,000 fish this year as a trial study

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Editorial: Time for some 'drunk love'

While it's certainly no secret that college students find Martin's night scene lacking, one of the default activities students usually pursue includes alcohol.

OK, let's cut the pleasantries.

Lots of UTM students like to drink. While drinking isn't the only way to have a good time (not ALL students elect to drink, and there is nothing wrong with that), many people in Martin do it.

The problem after a night of drinking, however, is the risk of driving impaired. We've seen the commercials, we know they're going to get us (or we may get hurt) and we should all know better.

So we at *The Pacer* began wondering: If alcohol has such a large presence in Martin, as it does in any college town, wouldn't some kind of tax service be a logical and fruitful business in Martin?

The creation of any kind of service would pay immediate dividends.

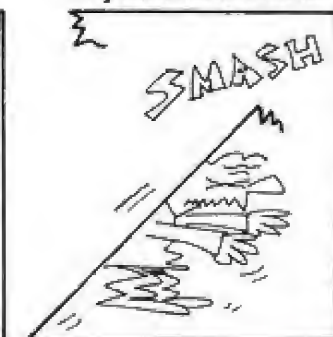
By presenting a form of transportation to those students who like to drink, the desire to drink and drive would be reduced dramatically. For those of you wondering about using a designated driver, that's a great option by all means but not everyone has access to one and even more rare are those who volunteer to be one.

From a business standpoint, the project would be simple. A bus would run a route beginning about 5 p.m. - in time for most classes and workdays to end. The route could snake through campus and a few other predetermined spots in town before crawling past Martin's fine drinking establishments (or maybe even gas stations for those private parties needing to re-stock).

The specifics aren't really important, and we could go on forever talking about the potential this idea has or doesn't have. What is important is that such an idea could greatly benefit those in Martin who need a lift, but are too intoxicated to safely navigate their own vehicles.

Lives could be saved, damage could be prevented and Martin could be made a tiny bit safer. Even if the idea of transportation for Martin's drinking crowd seems a bit silly, consider this: If it saves lives, isn't it at least worth discussing?

AMERICAN PARADISE



by Charles Brubaker

Lottery scholarships and the defunding of public higher education in Tennessee

David Barber
Guest Columnist

Last week's Pacer offered a grim headline for many UT Martin students, their families, and for the University as a whole: "Lottery scholarship program lurches on." Although lottery officials have made no definitive decisions on cutting the scholarship program yet, the Pacer reported that some of the ideas being tossed around include lowering the annual scholarship grant and raising the GPA a student needs in order to retain the scholarship. As the Pacer notes, these changes clearly "have the potential to send some students back home."

As serious as this problem is, however, I believe the cutbacks scholarship recipients may be facing are part of a much larger problem - the slow motion defunding, or privatization, of public colleges in Tennessee. Put more simply, we may well be witnessing the death of publicly funded higher education in the state for many of Tennessee's young people.

Slow motion privatization of public colleges means two things: first, that state funding for higher education has been steadily declining for at least the past dozen years; and second, that tuition and fees for UT Martin and for Tennessee public institutions of higher education have been steadily rising over the same period of time. If present trends continue students and their families will increasingly carry the financial burden for a college education that in the past was funded primarily by the state of Tennessee.

Let's assume that the state legislators making decisions about funding higher education in Tennessee graduated from college in the

late 70s or early 80s. A state representative or state senator who went to UT Martin in the year 1980 would have paid just under \$600 per year for his or her education. That would be about \$1550 in 2009-valued dollars. Students going to UTM today, in contrast, pay four times that amount, nearly \$6300 per year.

In 1980 the state legislature put close to \$9 million dollars into UT Martin's budget. In that same year UT Martin students paid out \$3.3 million dollars in tuition and fees to the UT Martin budget. In other words, thirty years ago the Tennessee state legislature allocated to UT Martin nearly \$3 for every \$1 students attending the school kicked in to the budget. This was a substantial investment the state was making in educating its young people: it was public funding of higher education in Tennessee.

Today the state appropriates \$26.4 million to the UT Martin budget and students pay in \$44.7 million in tuition and fees. In other words, our Tennessee state legislature contributes to UT Martin's budget less than \$3 for every \$5 our students contribute.

You don't even have to go back thirty years to see the decline in state funding for higher education. In 2001 the state legislature appropriated nearly 57% of UT Martin's budget; students in that same year paid in tuition and fees just under 40% of the school's budget. Since then state appropriations to the UTM budget have fallen as a proportion of the budget in every year but one, and tuition and fees have risen in every year but one. In 2009-2010 the state legislature provided a record low of 43.3% of our campus revenues while tuition

and fees constituted a record high of 52.3%. The 2010-2011 academic year will be worse still with this year's 9% tuition hike factored in.

"Well, what about the lottery scholarship?" you may ask. Isn't that the state funding higher education, even if the revenue from the lottery appears as student tuition income and not as state appropriations? Certainly, that's true, all other factors being equal. But other factors aren't equal. For example, as of 2009 a little less than half of UTM students were receiving the lottery scholarship - which means that over half our student body was paying for its own education. Even this doesn't tell the whole story, however. So let's look at the lottery a little more closely.

Unfortunately, our state lottery law does not mandate studies on who plays the lottery. But it's really not a mystery. Anyone who's been into 3s or the Little General in Martin can tell you who has been buying all the lottery tickets: it's poor people. If this isn't enough evidence for you, you can always check out South Carolina's lottery studies. While these studies show that lottery players range across the entire socioeconomic spectrum, it's the state's poorest citizens who scarf up the tickets most frequently.

People with family incomes under \$40,000 per year constituted 28% of South Carolina's population, but made up 53.4% of the frequent players in the state. People without a high school diploma or GED constituted 25.1% of the state's population, but made up 33.1% of the frequent players. And, of course, in South Carolina, as in Tennessee, poverty has its

racial edge: African Americans in South Carolina constituted 19.7% of the state's population, but were 38.4% of the frequent lottery players.

And guess what? If poor folks pay a disproportionately larger share of the cost of higher education in the state, they see a disproportionately smaller share of the lottery scholarship funds benefiting their own children. Last year, for example, just over half of all lottery scholarship recipients came from families with incomes of over \$72,000 per year and one out of every three lottery scholarship recipients came from a family with an income of over \$96,000 per year.

In other words, the lottery scholarship has been a means of shifting the cost of higher education in the state from the shoulders of the state's population in general to the shoulders of Tennessee's poorest population. Poor folks in Tennessee subsidize the education of children coming from more well-to-do homes, a morally bankrupt position, unworthy of our society.

I am quite sure that when state authorities make the final decision on cutting back lottery scholarships it will be far more likely that the distribution of scholarships will skew even further in the direction of the "haves" and away from the "have-nots." I don't play the lottery but I'd certainly bet on this particular outcome.

In the meantime, this country faces its worst economic crisis in 80 years. Unemployment in some parts of Western Tennessee nears one in five - of those who have not given up looking for work. Moreover, the Census Bureau last week reported that Tennessee's poverty rate - 16.5% - is over

two percentage points higher than the national rate. Since the bulk of Tennessee's state revenues come from sales tax, and since poverty and unemployment mean that people can't buy goods, it seems a distinct possibility that over the next months, Tennessee will not cover its budget projections. Of course, if the revenue isn't there, neither can Tennessee appropriate even the limited funds it has already committed to higher education.

From a number of angles, then, we are facing a defunding of higher education in Tennessee. And this defunding or privatization has profound implications for our society as a whole. Most often we hear higher education touted as a path to better paying jobs or as the only means of keeping Americans "competitive" in today's globalized economy. But these are secondary concerns compared to higher education's real import to our society: the training up of critically thinking citizens capable of participating and leading in the building and maintenance of democracy in our country.

To privatize higher education, to restrict access only to those who can pay, is to close off the possibility that we might have a democracy. Those of us at UT Martin who are concerned about the future of our country can have no higher priority than fighting to maintain and expand real public funding for higher education in the state.

Source: THEEC, "Tennessee Education Lottery Scholarship Program, Annual Report, 2009."

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Rock and roll and change and rock and roll again

John Tyler Nicholson
Guest Columnist

Music. Where would we be without it?

Well, that's a rhetorical question. I'd rather not think of a world without music. Anyway, I live about two hours from the Martin campus and have to listen to various mix CDs, radio, or my mp3 player.

Just recently I purchased the new Disturbed album "Asylum" (which if you're a Disturbed fan I'd highly recommend getting it), and Linkin Park's new album "A Thousand Suns" (which is very different, but good).

"A Thousand Suns" is a good album to me but it isn't what I expected from Linkin Park because they have changed their style so much on this album.

Of course I think change is healthy for a band if they wish to progress as a band. Many people don't seem to think that. These changes got me thinking about other bands and how they change their sound and style as their albums are released. Take Linkin Park's first album, "Hybrid Theory." If you were to take that album and compare it to their new album you probably wouldn't even think it's the

same band, but that's not to say that the changes they have made are bad (of course I hope that this new album is just an experiment because I miss their more rock songs with faster beats and guitars).

Disturbed's new album is relatively different from their first album, "The Sickness." It isn't a huge change, but very noticeable if you compared an old song to a new song. The public doesn't seem to take much notice of these changes and backlash them because the albums are released so closely together, in my opinion.

Take Metallica, for instance. This is the one band I always

think about when it comes to people backslashing against their music.

I honestly think the reason why people seem to bash their music is because their first few albums were so relatively close to the same style. Then they took a five-year break after releasing "The Black Album" before releasing "Load." And "Load" was very different from what their fans have come to love.

Then they followed up "Reload" with "St. Anger," and people hated "St. Anger." But I think I'm one of the only people who actually likes it.

I think people want bands

to stay the exact same, and of course if a band wants to develop and grow then they need to tweak their style.

Now of course not every band makes as drastic a change as Metallica, but they still make changes. Most bands don't sound the same for long. Take any band and compare its latest album to its older stuff and you'll notice that it sounds different, like Stone Temple Pilots. They sound so much different on their new album, which happens to be self-titled.

This reminds me of something else that I have just recently noticed: 90s grunge bands making a comeback.

The first was Alice in Chains' "Black Gives Way to Blue," which was their first album in over 10 years, and then Pearl Jam's new album "Backspacer," then Stone Temple Pilots came out with their new self-titled album.

Now I hear that Soundgarden is in the works of a new album. I find it crazy that these bands are coming out with new material after so many years and different problems. I wonder if Kurt Cobain hadn't killed himself, would Nirvana be releasing a new album or still be big?

Keep rocking!

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News

Herron visits UTM; proposes debate with Fincher

Melissa Jackson
Paper Writer

Roy Herron, Democratic Tennessee Congressional candidate, arrived on campus to address UTM students on Thursday but made bigger headlines when he challenged opponent Stephen Fincher to a debate on the UTM campus.

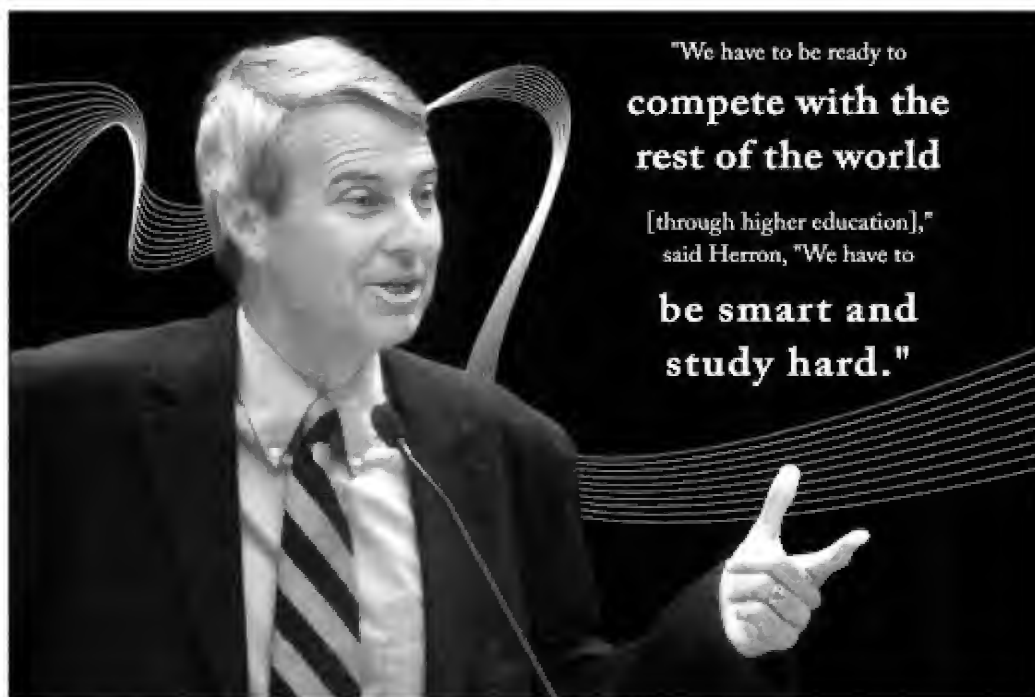
"I would like my opponent and myself to answer your questions," said Herron. He said that when Fincher comes to speak at UTM on September 30, he would like to come and hear what he has to say. He then said "I propose that there be a debate," between himself and Fincher.

According to an article published by The Commercial Appeal, Fincher has denied Herron's offer to debate.

"Stephen is not going to debate a man who falsely accuses him, on television, of being a criminal. He's not going to debate a man whose campaign commercials are filled with blatant lies that nonpartisan groups have already rejected," said Fincher spokesman Paul Ciaramitaro.

Herron has called into question the accuracy of Fincher's financial disclosures.

On campus, Herron began by stating the top three priorities in which he will focus, if elected to Congress:



Democratic candidate for the 6th U.S. Congressional District, Roy Herron, brought his campaign to campus last Thursday and challenged Republican candidate Stephen Fincher to a debate at UTM. (Paper Photo/Shawn Stern; Graphic Design/Jen DeFesi.)

"jobs, jobs, jobs."

Herron gave two examples of children's families that have been affected by increasing unemployment rates.

Three counties in Tennessee's eighth district have the lowest

unemployment rates in those counties since the Great Depression, because of jobs that have been relocated to other areas of the world. Jobs are going overseas because labor is cheaper, he said.

"I know how serious the problem is," he said.

Herron also spoke about the debt in Tennessee and how he proposed to decrease it.

"Make do with what you've got and what you can afford,"

said Herron. He stated that if he is elected that he would stop the excess spending of money, and he spoke of his experience in working with budgets.

Herron went on to discuss

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the importance of education in the 21st century.

"We have to be ready to compete with the rest of the world [through higher education]," said Herron, "We have to be smart and study hard." He reflected on advice given to him from former Governor Ned Ray McWhorter. Gov. McWhorter told Herron that, "Schools plus roads equal jobs."

In his speech, he spoke about the rise in tuition at colleges and universities.

He told the audience that he is not afraid to come together with Republicans or other parties in working toward the best interests of Tennessee.

"The problems are too serious, the needs are too great, and quite frankly simply put, the people are too important for people in Washington to choose partisanship over patriotism," said Herron. "One issue at a time" is how Herron said he would work in the Senate.

When a member of the audience attempted to ask a question, Herron stated firmly that he would not answer questions at that time but would when or if Fincher accepted the call for a debate.

"I wish you Godspeed in all that you do. Thank you."

Student Health ready for sickly season

Mary Jean Hall
Paper Writer

The Student Health staff is on top of their game when it comes to being prepared for the upcoming school year.

After some new additions to Student Health, the five employees hope that this upcoming year will be a smooth transition.

A major change would be the addition of the Counseling Services in the upstairs of the Student Health building in May 2009. Although the move was due to budget cuts, many students have already shown their approval of the decision.

"As a future Social Worker, I have come to learn that what affects a person physically can also affect them mentally as well. It only makes sense to have the two services located in the same building," said senior Melani Brady-Hay.

Student Health did receive some stimulus money last summer, which went for new equipment such as computers, sterilizers, and other needed items.

One of the new computers is accessible at the front desk, which allows for students to schedule appointments quickly and efficiently.

Also, the website is being updated to provide students with the best and most recent information regarding the Student Health Services. While some information is already up, the site is still a work in progress.

With the different services available, the staff wants to remind students that as of January 2010, the only acceptable form of payment is Skyhawk Silver cash.

If a student knows he or she will need lab work, shots, medication, or anything else that requires payment, it

would be easier if the student would pre-load money into the Skyhawk Silver account in the Skyhawk Card Office before coming into Student Health.

The staff at Student Health strives to keep the fees for lab work, injections, and other needs as minimal as possible. Appointments to see the clinician are free.

According to the website, fees vary: lab work (\$3.00 - \$10.00), medication injections (\$5.00 - \$40.00), vaccines (\$5.00 - \$35.00), prescription medication (\$5.00 - \$15.00), physicals (\$15.00), and supplies (varies).

If a student doesn't have insurance, there is no worry. Student Health offers minimal costs for its services such as: general outpatient care, first aid care, limited laboratory services, vaccines, physicals, STD screening, administration of allergy shots,

and educational programs.

The most recurring cases include allergies & sinusitis, colds, UTIs, upper respiratory problems, STD checks, sore throats, sprains & strains, and flu-related illnesses.

The staff is already prepared for the upcoming flu season. The flu shots have already been ordered and are expected to be in by October 1st.

With the H1N1 outbreak last flu season, Student Health gave out anywhere from 200-300 flu shots. Allergy and tetanus shots are also available.

Student Health suggests that anyone with critical needs go to the Emergency Room at the nearby hospital. Also, Student Health does not do sutures.

According to the staff, another place to go if Student Health does not offer what you need is the Martin Medical Center.

The staff would like to

remind everyone that the Student Health Services are for UTM students ONLY, not staff.

The hours for Student Health are 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Monday-Friday. The Nurse Practitioner's hours during this time may vary.

Students are STRONGLY encouraged to schedule an appointment. For answers to questions or to schedule an appointment, call them at 731-881-7750.

The staff also wants to remind students that Student Health does not issue notes for missed classes, and that students need to make sure they have filled out their immunization records prior to making an appointment.

Student Health is located behind the Village-Phase I and Cooper Hall. For more information about Student Health, visit www.utm.edu/departments/shes/.

Enrollment numbers up

University Relations

A total of 8,467 students are enrolled for the fall semester, an increase from 8,101 recorded for fall 2009.

The fall 2010 total includes all-time record fall enrollments for total head count, undergraduates, dual-enrollment students, transfer students, total credit hours and total full-time equivalent. Public higher education funding is based on fall semester full-time equivalency.

"We continue to experience increasing levels of enrollment interest. I am proud of the high quality of our faculty and staff, who serve to draw increasing numbers of great students," said Dr. Tom Rakes, university chancellor.

Based on final figures, this fall's enrollment at UTM is a 4.5 percent increase over fall 2009.

The fall enrollment also reflects 1,255 freshmen on the UTM campus. Fall enrollment indicates that first-time freshmen have an average 3.4 high school grade-point average, up from 3.39 in 2009. There are 360 more undergraduate students returning, which represents an 8.3 percent increase. The university also experienced growth in on-campus undergraduate students and online at both the undergraduate and graduate levels.

"Our increasing numbers are encouraging, but we continue to focus on academic rigor and the importance of the overall academic and learning atmosphere our students deserve," said Rakes.

Compared to last year's totals, UTM has 368 more undergraduate and graduate students. There are 112 additional dual-enrollment students, a 12.1 percent increase; and 44 more transfer students, a 7.9 percent increase.

Ground Zero Mosque heats Campus Crossfire

Brandy Hardy
Paper Writer

A debate over whether a Mosque should be built near Ground Zero went down this past Wednesday on the 15th, hosted by the Student Activities Council.

As expected for a crossfire topic to be, the mosque debate involves a mix of ethics and personal values. The two lanes seem to negate one another and mix as well as oil and water. The buzz over the plans to build the Mosque has everything but died down and is still being strongly debated, making it an interesting topic of conversation among peers.

Mitchell Poke, a Junior Marketing major and SAC's Community Chair for Arts, News, and Views, urged that the debate should be "an

educated, civilized forum."

Indeed, it was.

To most theatre enthusiasts' dismay there wasn't a Jers vs. Sharks West Side Story-inspired dramatic debate.

No matter if you were for or against the topic of discussion at the forum, everyone was agreeable and respectful of others opinions.

Those who recall the attack on the World Trade Towers on that fateful Tuesday vividly remember the way they and others around them felt. According to senior English major, Shelby Hopkins, "America's got a bad taste in their mouths after September 11th."

On the slideshow with the American Flag used as a template, there were pictures showing American looking up signs protesting the building

of the mosque. One sign in particular saying, "All I need to know about Islam, I learned on 9/11."

If it's the building location that bothers you, rest assured, the Mosque will not be built on Ground Zero. It will actually be two blocks away. If anyone dares protest those plans, make note, also two blocks away is a strip club and there are countless bars sprinkled all about the city that's including near Ground Zero.

But a place of worship other than a Christian or Catholic Church is out of the question?

Most question what the Mosque will look like, but this isn't any sort of traditional Mosque. It is actually a community center for individuals of any religion to enjoy. The Mosque will be

housed somewhere within the 13 story building, inside the community center they plan to create a 9/11 Memorial.

Referring to the distance of where the Mosque is planning to be built, Clinton Howard, senior Psychology Major, said, "I thought, 'Why there?' and when I found out how good this would be for the community, I said, 'Why not?'"

"It's not really to disrespect Americans" mentioned Poke.

"It's like they're trying to give us a peace agreement or an olive branch, and how well we react to them is the only way we are going to stop this culture clash" Howard said.

Poke said, "They're not going to build it to look like the Taj Mahal," after seeing the plans for the community center on the internet.

"We, as a country, need to

look forward to change," said Poke.

Phillip Masengill, a senior Political Science major, who happened to disagree with protesters feelings, said, "I think they're 100 percent within their rights to build."

Although most at this meeting were collectively in agreement of the Mosque being built, many others do not feel the same way. It's more than likely, since the area where the building is being erected has been bought, that there will be construction in the near future. They do, in fact, have the rights to build what they choose to build on the plot of land they now own.

To have your voice heard, make sure to check out the Student Activities Calendar for any Campus Crossfires being held in the near future.

News

Rec Center big success with students

Amy Ring
Pacer Writer

For the past eight months, thousands of UTM students have scanned their Skyhawk cards every day in order to enter into a world of buff bodies saturated by sweat-soaked gym clothes at the Student Recreation Center.

The Rec Center opened its doors on Jan. 19 to masses of students eager to experience the basketball courts, racquetball courts, the walking/running track, the highly equipped weight room along with numerous ellipticals, treadmills, stationary bikes and for leisurely fun, ping-pong and pool tables. After being open for an entire semester and summer, "the Student Recreation Center is still jam-packed night in and night out," said student staff member Josh Weiss.

"It is hard to get a full measure until a full year has come around; however, the amount of students using the center has remained consistent since last spring with about 1,000 students entering each day," said Campus Recreation Director Gina McClure.

Mondays through Thursdays are the core

workout days for most students, while Fridays and Saturdays are much slower because of students going home or simply taking a break after working out all week.

Also brand new, thanks to the expanded workout area of the new Rec Center, are "Group X" fitness classes.

"Before we moved into the new building, we didn't have the room to do stuff like this but now, as space has become available, we've been able to expand," Weiss said.

On Mondays through Thursdays at 4, 5 and 7-8 p.m., "Group X" fitness classes are offered in the upstairs rooms. These classes include indoor cycling, known as spinning; power pump, which is a total-body workout that focuses on four-minute intervals of numerous exercises using a cardio barbell; and a hip hop dance class.

"Out of Order" signs are rarely seen hanging on the workout equipment, except for when minor technical issues arise; however, these are simple problems with workout equipment and "nothing out of the ordinary," McClure said.

McClure also addressed the etiquette of UTM students in the Rec Center. Common courtesy is advised throughout, she said, especially on the

basketball courts, where smaller groups have sometimes been asked to leave the court so that a larger group can play full court.

"As long as no one else is playing on it, full court is available for those who would like to use it," McClure said.

If an individual or group believes that common courtesy may not have been used on the courts, or for any other problem or issue in the Rec Center, McClure said she or any staff member should be contacted.

Along with current UTM students, faculty and staff may also use the Rec Center. After signing up, a monthly membership deduction is taken from their payroll. Retired faculty and staff may also sign up for a membership, for which they pay monthly, McClure said. Annual membership costs are \$245 for an individual, \$430 for a UTM employee and spouse, and \$525 for a family with children over age 16.

In the Martin community, the Rec Center has also left its mark. Josh Allen, fitness coordinator at The Sideline Physical Therapy and Fitness Center, said the Rec Center "helps draw in more entering freshmen, allowing the community to grow." Though The Sideline has lost some

student members, many have remained because they are able to take advantage of the 24-hour availability after they get off work and are finished studying.

"We are very glad UTM has the Rec Center and we enjoy working with them," Allen said. Around campus, students certainly seemed eager to talk about the Rec Center.

"I love it, everything is right there and you don't have to leave campus," said entering freshman Victoria Wright.

Senior Erin Larkins agreed, but added a request.

"I love it, but an outdoor area with a basketball court would be nice to just shoot around with friends at," Larkins said.

"I've always loved it, especially now with the upstairs rooms for yoga and you can do what you want without having to wait, since it is bigger than the gym and has more space and equipment available," said senior Matt Kennedy.

The Student Recreation Center is open Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m., Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday from 1 to 11 p.m. For more information, call (731) 881-7745.

Alanazi

From Cover

couldn't say "Big Mac," so I just waved a 'one' with my finger instead," Alanazi said, laughing.

Alanazi's home city, Riyadh, has a population of nearly 5 million. He wasn't accustomed to being in a place so small with a few restaurants, and wasn't sure about how he felt about Martin when he first arrived, but eventually grew to love the small town atmosphere.

"People in Martin helped me adapt the best. I lived with two KAs and they were very nice to me," Alanazi said.

Since his first year, Alanazi has made UTM his home away from home.

He worked for the International Programs office for 2 1/2 years, currently works for Student Organizations, is the president of the Saudi Students Association, and is an active member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. He is also planning to join the UTM rugby team.

Although Alanazi is now

well acclimated to American college life, he did have to realize certain stereotypes about American students that were impressed upon him before he came to America.

"American students were said to party all day and night. Kind of like the movie 'Animal House,'" Alanazi said, grinning. "I was also told not to eat fast food."

Alanazi enjoys all the holidays Americans celebrate in their culture. There are only two big celebrations held in Saudi Arabia, during which children in the family will receive money from their grandparents. Families also take the day to spend time together and to go visit other family members.

"I wish I could take the American holidays back home with me. No school!" Alanazi said.

Alanazi has been on the Dean's list the past two years and expressed his fondness for UTM because the college is

relatively small and it has been easy for him to meet friendly people.

Smaller class settings, he said, have given him a better opportunity to interact and work with his fellow classmates and having close interaction with his advisor and professors has been beneficial to him.

Alanazi comes from a family of six brothers and four sisters. His mother is an English teacher and his father is an engineer for a communications company in Saudi Arabia. He first heard of UTM through an uncle who knew someone else who had attended and suggested that Alanazi look further into it.

"There is one thing I want to do before I leave Martin. I want to take my best friend Taylor home with me to Saudi Arabia," Alanazi said. "He is like my brother. I want him to meet my family. I want my home to be his home as well. Just as he has helped Martin become a second home to me."

Fish

From Cover

but hopes to grow higher numbers of fish in the next couple of years.

"There is also an outdoor facility on campus that would allow the Aquaculture classes to grow more fish, possibly at a faster rate," Ray said. "With all of the natural food sources in an outdoor facility, the fish would be able to feed all day long and would have a better chance of growing faster."

The class associated with this project is Wildlife Biology 405, Principles of Aquaculture.

"In this class, the students will be required to write an aquaculture facilities management plan. If one of their ideas proves to be a more efficient method, there is a chance that we

would implement it into our management strategy," Ray said. "I have worked with fisheries in the past and have discovered that aquaculture is in high demand."

Aquaculture systems are typically used for growing fish for human consumption while fisheries are more recreational and/or experimental.

It will take about seven months for the Tilapia to grow to about one and one-quarter pounds. At this weight, they will be ready for market.

"The food that we feed these fish costs about \$1.75 per pound of fish and the fish will sell at around 2.15 per pound, meaning there will be a small profit," Ray said.

Flu

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which produce the vaccine, should speak with a doctor first before getting the vaccination.

Tips for avoiding the flu virus are as follows:

• Wash your hands often, especially before eating. Use hot water and soap for at least 20 seconds.

• Get an appropriate amount of sleep. This empowers the body's immune system.

• Exercise and stay active.

• Stay hydrated, keeping your body flushed out.

• Get immunized.

There is no advantage to waiting to be immunized. The sooner you get the vaccination, the sooner you're protected from the virus. The vaccine typically takes about two weeks before it kicks in.

OrgSync highlighted at campus symposium

Erica Miller
Pacer Writer

Attendees of the UTM Organizational Development Symposium held Saturday, Sept. 18, got to see OrgSync in action.

OrgSync is exactly what it sounds like: a synchronization of campus organizations in order to make obtaining information about campus organizations easier, getting organizations more involved, and creating a cohesive tool to help organizations self-manage with best efficiency.

While OrgSync was designed for organizations, the symposium was intended to include any student interested in leadership, or learning more about campus organizations.

"The Organizational Development Symposium was a combined effort of the Office of Student Organizations and SGA because we felt that organizations needed the extra resources, leadership, and the group efforts to be better (organizations) for UTM," said Sammie Linton, SGA president. "It is also to help students on campus get more involved."

This year, the Symposium covered such organizational tools as how to keep an organization up to date, traveling and budget, fundraising, and campus

event planning. Attendees also received some neat UTM gear, including a jump drive in the shape of a key imprinted with "Office of Student Organizations" and logo.

One session of the symposium was dedicated to showing students how to use their OrgSync accounts. One especially useful tool is the Co-Curricular transcript, which is composed of activities that students participate in through organizations. This can be used to pump up a resume, and can even be downloaded and sent to a professor, manager, or future employer.

Students who attended the symposium said it was quite helpful.

"As a treasurer for Rotaract, I think it [OrgSync] is going to help with making sure everyone's paying their dues. It will help with organizing everything, for sure, instead of having everything on paper, which you can easily lose," said Kelsey Starnes, a Nursing major.

"I like it because you have one place where you can find all the organizations that you're involved in. Instead of one person using e-mail, and one person using Facebook, you have it all in one spot," said Britany Sturgill, a PreDental major.

Allison Kuty, OrgSync campus consultant, attended

the event. She travels to 150 campuses nationwide, spreading the word about what OrgSync has to offer, and teaching students how to use the system.

"OrgSync is an organization management tool that is going to help the students really streamline communication within their organizations. That aspect of it is awesome - students can even text message through OrgSync," Kuty said.

OrgSync was founded about five years ago by some student leaders from the University of Texas. The CEO of OrgSync, Eric Fortenberry, is one of the original founders. They recently moved from Austin to their new headquarters in Dallas. They are growing surprisingly quickly.

"We're growing faster than our office can even contain us at this point, so we're actually looking at new office space to expand," Kuty said. "I just got an e-mail yesterday that said we just got our 300,000th user, which has tripled from this time last year."

OrgSync is for everyone in an organization, interested in finding an organization to join, or just interested in what OrgSync is all about. Students can access it by clicking on a tab located in the student e-mail homepage, and register free of charge, or by logging on to www.orgsync.com.



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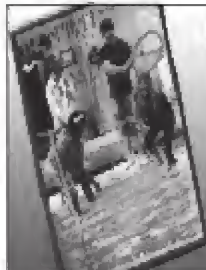
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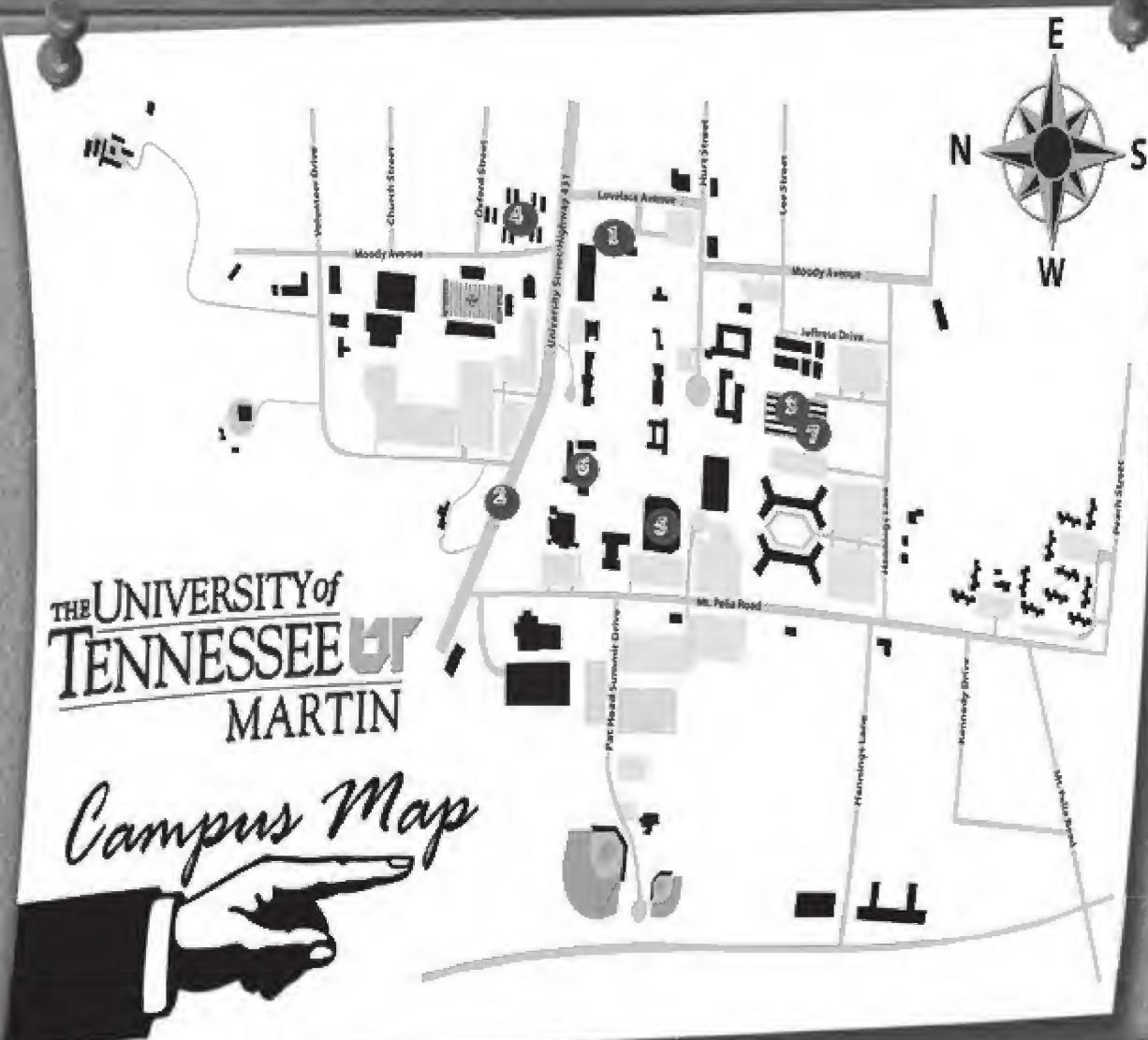


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Any students interested in writing stories for *The Pacer* are encouraged to attend *Pacer* meetings, every Tuesday at 5 p.m. in Gooch 309. *The Pacer* welcomes students from all majors and any story ideas or suggestions, including feature stories, letters to the editor and editorials. Stories and story ideas can be submitted to thepacer@ut.martin.edu.

The Spirit Meetings

All writers and photographers, this year's *Spirit Magazine* meetings will be held Tuesdays at 4 p.m. in Room 313 in Gooch.

Sustainability Series of Talks and Field Trips

Sept. 22 Herb Stonebrook will be speaking on "Energy saving initiatives within state buildings," in Watkins Auditorium from 12:00- 12:45.

Times Talk

Every Tuesday in Room 125 in the Skyhawk Dining Center, Times Talk, will be held to discuss a recent New York Times article on an important topic.

Concert Series

The Department of Music will be presenting a concert series with Roberto Mancusi and Michael Penny Sept. 27 in the Watkins Auditorium at 7 p.m.

Senior Art Exhibition

Department of Visual and Theatre Arts will be presenting a Senior Art Exhibition with Chris Craig, Josh Wilson, and James Moore in the upstairs gallery in the Paul Meek Library Sept. 28th from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Life

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Artist Spotlight: Olafur Arnalds

Trevor Smith
Co-Life Editor

It's probably not a stretch to say that, as far as genres of music go, neo-classical isn't one that's very popular with "the kids" these days.

It's also probably not a stretch to assume that if you do, in fact, listen to neo-classical music, that you've heard of Icelandic super talent Olafur Arnalds.

The 23 year-old former metal band drummer turned multi-instrumental composer has been releasing solo albums since 2007, and has quickly gained a following that hangs on every sweet note he crafts for them.

And we aren't talking about anything like Mozart, Beethoven or Bach. We're talking about a young man who is barely older than most college students.

Arnalds blends piano with strings while using loops and edgy beats to blur the lines between classical and pop, and he does it with amazing effect.

Since the release of that first album, "Eulogy for Evolution", his fame has been spread all over the world thanks to forms of social media like YouTube (search "olarnalds") and



Myspace (www.myspace.com/olafurarnalds). In 2008, he released the EP Variations of Scarle and toured with fellow Icelanders and post-rock juggernaut Sigur Ros. He has also reportedly sold out the

prestigious Barbican Hall in London.

In 2009, he used an innovative approach to release his collection of tracks called Lost Songs ; he composed, recorded and released a new

track every day for seven days, making them available for download from his record label's website, and, in April of 2010, he released a new album titled "...and they have escaped the weight of darkness".

His music is absolutely beautiful. Actingly, hauntingly beautiful. It can put you in a meditative state with its melodic nature and bring an oasis of calm to a frenzied day that you're having. He can show you that the type of music your professors or music teachers would label classical can be appealing to the contemporary ear.

He brings the wonderful and complicated structure of classical music to those who haven't studied it their entire lives, and he wants to bring that music to the people of the world who wouldn't usually listen to it.

If you're on the lookout for new music, even if you weren't before you read this, Olafur Arnalds has something to offer you. Treat yourself and give him a listen. It's rare that someone of our generation like Arnalds possesses the maturity that is necessary to produce music like his, and that alone makes him worth listening to.

Recital Review: Junior Andrew Moore

Brandy Hardy
Pier Writer

Many gathered far and wide Sunday at 3 p.m. to attend Andrew Moore's Junior Piano Recital in the Watkins Auditorium.

The recital was a stupendous achievement and received a much-deserved standing ovation at the end of the show.

Depending on which side of the auditorium you were sitting on you had a different

view of his playing.

On the left side, you would be able to watch his fingers methodically dance around to find the appropriate keys on the ebony Steinway and Sons Piano.

On the right, you could see his face and the way he had a look of concentration making it seem as if no one was in the auditorium but him and he was being moved himself by the pieces he played.

If one just closed their eyes,

they could let their imagination go to work creating images that the music paints.

Brian McMillan, a senior Social Work major, had raving reviews.

"After the intermission, the second piece, Prelude in D Major, by Rachmaninoff, was exciting, and thus the most thrilling piece in the show for me," said McMillan.

Moore was in agreement saying, "The two Rachmaninoff pieces were by far my favorite

to play. Without a doubt he is my favorite composer. Rachmaninoff wrote from the heart" and expressed a deep emotion and intense virtuosity in his pieces," said Moore.

"I think his music is the epitome of piano composition," Moore continued.

Moore is currently pursuing a degree in both Piano Performance and Chemistry.

His plans after receiving his Chemistry degree are to go to medical school. The Piano

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Comedia dell'Arte comes to UTM



Matthew R. Wilson as Scappino. Mask by Antonio Fava. Photo by Clinton Brandhagen

Regina Emery
Co-Life Editor

To cite the words of Renaissance figurehead Leonardo da Vinci, "simplicity truly is the ultimate sophistication."

Armed with just a handbag, masks and a slapstick, and lacking the usual PowerPoint and slideshow, actor Matthew Wilson managed to earn (as one student pointed out) possibly the first standing ovation by any academic speaker.

Actor, director and writer Wilson is a Washington, D.C. native who studied theater in Italy for over half a decade before teaching and performing in the Italian Renaissance style all over Europe and the United States.

"Commedia dell'Arte" is a style of theater known for its utilization of simplicity, masks and slapstick comedy. Based off the Italian tradition, Wilson is the Founding Director for the Faction of Fools Theatre Company, a non-profit company devoted to this specific type of theater. His comedy told the tale

of two lovers, Isabella and Fabio, as they try to salvage their lives together after wedding plans are thrown into chaos at the hands of squabbling fathers and scheming servants.

Most astonishing was the fact that Wilson plays all twelve characters single-handedly.

True, Eddie Murphy and Tyler Perry can don a fat suit and do the same. But witnessing someone—again, armed with only masks and his own vault of voices—bicker, seduce, and even duel himself on stage is far greater and much more impressive.

"The play was amazing," said Ben Allen, a biology freshman who attended the performance.

"He got the whole audience involved, and everybody was having a great time all the while learning about Italian theatre."

In the most literal sense, he truly did involve the whole audience. Relying on participation for sound effects, stage props, and even intermission readings, never before has an Academic Speaker more thoroughly

engaged an audience.

Not surprisingly, it were the female roles that attracted the most laughter. From the bawdy wife to the love struck Isabella, Wilson's antics left the audience bursting at the seams.

And speaking of seams, credit should be given to Jessica Wegener for her versatile costume design and to the world-renowned Italian theater figure who not only helped school Wilson, but also designed and hand-crafted the ever-so-important masks.

"They require a lot of detailed work and amount of expertise in each one," explained Wilson in a question and answer session after the show.

"They're designed and based off of what we know from the sixteenth century plays, when commedia dell'Arte was in its heyday," Wilson finished.

Finally, when asked why he sought acting as a career, Wilson answered: "I believe the things we pursue should pursue us back."

In other words, it was unavoidable.



Sustainability Series: Douglas Sterrett

Sarah Rowland
Staff Writer

The first meeting of the Sustainability Series was held in the UC legislative chambers at noon on September 15. Dr. J. Douglas Sterrett, UTM professor of mechanical engineering, spoke about energy to an audience of forty-five or so students, faculty and visitors.

"What I want to do today is kind of what your whistles," said Sterrett. "We can't talk about energy until everybody in the room knows what it is," he said.

Sterrett began by presenting statistical graphs of global and national energy consumption. According to one of his graphs, in the year 2000 the US was the leading nation of oil consumption per capita. By now, he said, Asia's consumption has probably increased as well.

"What are the big buzzwords nowadays? Global warming," said Sterrett.

"I prefer climate change."

He said that climate change is why we are trying to conserve energy.

"There are lists of reasons why I think most reasonable people want to reduce carbon emissions," said Sterrett.

He said the consumption of energy is greater than the production of energy. He also presented a statistical graph which showing that transportation is the least influential component in carbon emissions when compared to residential and commercial output and industrial output.

Sterrett began talking about the importance of the cost for green energy. He said to buy green energy from the EPA costs \$4 per month for 150 kilowatt hours. True, opting to buy this energy definitely

costs more but if people are interested in green energy, why don't they buy it?

"One student responded with the question, 'Is it worth it?'" Sterrett was prepared with an answer.

"While sustainable energy technologies can always be improved, it's important to understand that current technologies are sufficient for us to eliminate imported fuels and even eliminate all use of non-renewable hydro-carbon based fuels," said Sterrett about what people can begin to do now in moving toward green energy.

"A lot of solving these problems boils down to public policy," he said and he encouraged students to seek to change public policy through their lives.

Sterrett said there are a lot of plans for change but people get distracted in fighting about which one to take. He suggested people should

choose a plan and follow it.

One other problem Sterrett mentioned is called NIMBY, or Not In My Backyard. He said people want something to be done but they don't want to be the individuals to sacrifice for it.

Sterrett concluded, "What I hope I've done is 1) given you a perspective on both global and United States energy consumption and 2) given you a real-life perspective on what these numbers mean."

Again, Sterrett's presentation was just the first in the Sustainability Series. All future talks are scheduled at noon in Watkins Auditorium. The next talk is September 22 with speaker, Herb Storchhok.

Sterrett will lead another energy discussion September 29. For more information on the Sustainability Series please contact Karoline Null, UTM assistant professor of mathematics, at knull@utm.edu.

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Josh Bey (center) was a pivotal member of the Skyhawk defense Saturday night as UTM defeated EIU 20-10 at Hardy M. Graham stadium. The Skyhawks need to continue to play a stifling brand of defense as they travel to rival Murray State this Saturday, Sept. 25. (PacerPhotos/Shearn Glenn)

Skyhawks down EIU, look to rival Murray

Athletic Communications

The UTM football team (1-2, 1-0 OVC) opened the home portion of its schedule with a convincing 20-10 victory over Eastern Illinois (0-3, 0-1 OVC) Saturday night at Hardy M. Graham Stadium.

Sophomores Jason McNair and Tevin Barksdale scored touchdowns, while Cody Sandlin kicked two field goals as the Skyhawks came from behind for their first victory of the season.

While the offensive prowess of McNair and Barksdale running the ball thrilled the Skyhawk faithful, it was the tenacious Skyhawk defense that dominated the OVC opener for both teams. The Skyhawks limited the Panthers to 222 yards of total offense, 84 yards of rushing and 138 yards of passing.

"I am very proud of our defense," UTM head coach Jason Simpson said. "It's not always the prettiest, and it may not be three-and-out,

We're not the biggest nor are we the fastest, but our defensive staff gets the most out of our guys. The staff has a good time working with the kids and our kids are playing hard and executing well."

The UTM defense made its presence known early in the game, forcing the Panthers to punt on their first possession. The Skyhawks limited the Panthers to 65 yards of offense on 11 plays. EIU managed to take advantage of a Skyhawk turnover and took a 7-0 lead in the first quarter.

The Skyhawks countered in the second quarter when McNair ran 68 yards for a touchdown. McNair turned in his second consecutive 100 yards or more rushing game.

He rushed 15 times for 130 yards.

"I was proud of Jason," Simpson said. "Any time you can gain over a hundred yards I don't care if it's on one carry or on 25 as he had. He gives us a chance to win."

EIU took a 10-7 lead with 5:58 to play in the first half when Cameson Berra kicked a 27-yard field goal.

Barksdale put the Skyhawks on top for good when he raced 49 yards on second-and-20 to go before the half. Barksdale had five carries for 75 yards in the game.

The Skyhawk defense took charge in the second half by shutting out the Panthers. EIU managed to get 69 total yards of offense in the second half, including 19 yards of rushing and

50 yards of passing.

Redshirt sophomore Darrin Nalls had five total tackles in the game, two sacks, 2.5 tackles for a loss and two forced fumbles. Both forced fumbles were in the fourth quarter. The first forced fumble led to a 26-yard field goal by sophomore Cody Sandlin. It was Sandlin's second field goal of the game.

"When you have confidence in your kicker you take care of the ball a little more, you're not as risky," Simpson said.

With eight points in the game, Sandlin has emerged as the Skyhawks' leading scorer after three games.

Senior Josh Bey and junior college transfer C.J. Estelle had six solo tackles and eight total tackles each to lead the Skyhawk defense. The Skyhawks recorded four sacks and eight tackles for a loss of 27 yards.

The Skyhawks return to action Saturday, Sept. 25, when they play at Murray State. Kickoff is set for 6 p.m.

"The staff has a good time working with the kids and our kids are playing hard and executing well."

Jason Simpson

UTM Head Football Coach

Skyhawks pick up big road victory behind Duffy's two goals, Loza's game-winner

Athletic Communications

Throughout her career at UTM, midfielder Jenni Duffy has shown she is pretty good at setting up other teammates for a goal, as she ranks third on the all-time Skyhawk list with 11 assists.

However, the senior from Middlesbrough, England, has now proved she is capable of finding the net herself. Duffy scored the Skyhawks' first two goals of the match and junior Rosalita Loza punched in the game-winner with just 12 seconds remaining in overtime to lift UTM to a 3-2 victory. Sunday afternoon over future OVC member SIU Edwardsville.

With the win, the Skyhawks improve to 4-4-1 under first-year head coach Phil McNamara, as the team looks to be playing their best ball heading into OVC play next weekend. With the win today, the Skyhawks have now won three straight matches.

SIU Edwardsville, who officially joined the OVC in July 2008 but is reclassifying and will play a full league schedule beginning next season, entered this weekend

undefeated (5-0-1) and produced five shutouts in its first six matches. With that said, the Skyhawk offense clicked on all cylinders during the match, producing a season-high three goals while outshooting the Cougars 15-14. What is more telling is the efficiency of the UTM offense, who put an amazing 80 percent (12 of 15) of its shots on goal.

The heroes of the afternoon were Duffy (pictured) - who has now scored at least one point in three consecutive matches - and Loza, who secured her team-leading fifth goal of the year at just the right time.

Duffy - who put all six of her shot attempts on goal today - put the Skyhawks ahead early, scoring in the 16th minute. UTM had already attempted three shots before Duffy scooted the ball in the back of the net from five yards out. Assists were credited to Katie Imperiale and Kendyl Wilson.

It was then SIU Edwardsville's turn to create some offense, as they peppered Skyhawk goalkeeper Lauren MacKenzie with shots on goal. MacKenzie collected a pair of saves in a span of 50 seconds,



then the Cougars tied it up in the 25th minute.

Brittany Bozbiak took a pass from Jennifer Tucker and tied up the match with a goal from 14 yards out on the right side.

While the Skyhawk offense

didn't attempt a shot for a span of nearly 21:30, the Cougars took advantage and took a 2-1 lead at the 33:01 mark. Devon Thomas led Kristin Dierker, who broke through two UTM defenders and found paydirt

from 12 yards out on the right side.

UTM trailed 2-1 at the halftime break, which was the fifth time this season the Skyhawks had trailed after the game's first 45 minutes. However, today marked the first time the Skyhawks had come back to win the match.

After MacKenzie made another save early in the second period, Brooke Robertson got things started in the second half with a shot on goal at the 60:50 mark. A little over 2:30 later, Duffy tied things up with a beautiful shot from 22 yards out on the right side that snuck past Cougar goalkeeper Claire Lovereck. It was Duffy's fourth career goal and first multi-goal match in a UTM uniform.

Both teams then made a drastic push for the go-ahead goal, but both goalkeepers dug in to make critical saves. MacKenzie tallied two more saves in a span of 1:50, while Lovereck faced four shots on goal, but she was there for each save to keep the match at a 2-2 deadlock.

No shots on goal were attempted on either side over the last 11:11, and the

Skyhawks headed into their third overtime match this season.

The first nine minutes passed in the overtime period before Duffy made her second bid for a hat trick at the 99:05 mark, but Lovereck was in position for the save.

However, the Skyhawks quickly regained possession and - with double overtime looming - senior Stephanie Nilica took charge. Nilica, who was playing for the first time since suffering an injury in the Arkansas State match on Aug. 22, found Loza on the right side and sent a pass in her direction. Loza took care of business, firing a shot from 14 yards out that reached the back of the net to give UTM its third win in as many years against SIU Edwardsville.

The Skyhawks will now focus on taking the first step toward defending their OVC title. The team will open the conference portion of their schedule on the road this weekend, as they face the Morehead State Eagles on Friday, Sept. 24, followed by a showdown with the Eastern Kentucky Colonels on Sunday, Sept. 26.